

## INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 3232–3269; 6 resolutions, H. Res. 588–593 were introduced. **Pages H9274–76**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9276–77**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–280);

H.R. 3056, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors and to revise the tax rules on expatriation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–281);

H.R. 3159, to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–282);

H.R. 3087, to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–283); [Filed on August 1 (legislative day, July 31), 2007]

H.R. 3162, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–284 Pt. I);

H. Res. 594, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3162) to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to

improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP program (H. Rept. 110–285);

H. Res. 595, A resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–286);

H. Res. 596, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–287); and

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–288). **Pages H9058–H9188, H9274**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNerney to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9055**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m. **Page H9057**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard D. Turpin, Second Baptist Church, Catskill, New York. **Pages H9057–58**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 774. **Pages H9058, H9230–31**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Providing greater transparency in the legislative process:** S. 1, amended, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 763—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H9192–H9210**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 30th:

**Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007:** H.R. 180, amended, to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations in Sudan and to prohibit United States Government

contracts with such companies, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 764 and

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**Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007:** H.R. 2347, amended, to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 765.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, companies that sell arms to the Government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend \$20,000,000 or more in credit to the Government of Iran for 45 days or more, and for other purposes."

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**Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 2831, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 768. Consideration of the measure began on Monday, July 30th.

**Pages H9219–22, H9226–27**

H. Res. 579, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Monday, July 30th.

**21st Century Competitiveness Act of 2007:** The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and agreed to a conference.

**Pages H9222–23, H9227–28**

Agreed to the Hall (TX) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 770.

**Pages H9222–23, H9227–28**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Science and Technology for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon, Lipinski, Baird, Wu, Lampson, Udall (CO), Giffords, McNerney, Hall (TX), Sensenbrenner, Ehlers, Biggert, Feeney, and Gingrey from the Committee on Education and Labor for consideration of Division C of the Senate

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Miller, George, Holt, and McKeon.

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From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of Division C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), Holt, and McKeon.

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**Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act:** The House passed H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, by a ye-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 767. Consideration of the measure began on Monday, July 30th.

**Pages H9223–26**

Rejected the Pearce (NM) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 766.

**Pages H9223–25**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to Monday, July 30th.

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 30th:

**Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007:** H.R. 176, amended, to authorize assistance to the countries of the Caribbean to fund educational development and exchange programs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 771;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read "To authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)."

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**Amending the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed:** H.R. 957, amended, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 772; and

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**Integrated Deepwater Program Reform Act:** H.R. 2722, amended, to restructure the Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 773.

**Pages H9229–30**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House began consideration of H.R. 3161, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume Wednesday, August 1st.

**Pages H9231–44, H9253–68**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 776. Earlier, a vote was called pending the absence of a quorum, and, subsequently 389 members recorded their presence, Roll No. 775.

**Pages H9253–55**

Agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised against the content of debate by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 777.

**Pages H9256–67**

Agreed to the Hoyer motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 778.

**Pages H9267–68**

H. Res. 581, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 769.

**Pages H9212–19, H9227**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:41a.m.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page S9219.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page 9270.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call, twelve yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9210, H9210–11, H9211, H9225, H9225–26, H9226–27, H9227, H9227–28, H9228–29, H9229, H9229–30, H9230–31, H9253–54, H9254, H9266–67, and H9267–68.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1st.

## Committee Meetings

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; and Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### AUGMENTEE FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Use of In Lieu Of, Ad Hoc and Augmentee Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Jack B. Eggington, USAF, Deputy Director, Operations, U.S. Central Command; MG Jason K. Kamiya, USA, Director, Joint Training, U.S. Joint Forces Command; BG David D. Halverson, USA, Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, Headquarters U.S. Army; RADM Timothy M. Giardina, USN, Director, Information, Plans and Security, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and BG Marke F. Gibson, USAF, Director, Current Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

### ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 4). Testimony was heard from GEN Jack Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, Army; LTG Gregory S. Newbold, USMC (ret.), former Director, Operations (J–3), Joint Chiefs of Staff; former GEN Barry McCaffrey, USA, (ret.); and public witnesses.

### IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN MILITARY COSTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Costs of Military Operations and Reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the of the Department of Defense: Gordon England, Deputy Secretary; and LTG John F. Sattler, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff; Robert Sunshine, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis, CBO; and the following officials of the Department of State: Joseph Saloom, Ambassador of the United States and Senior Transition Advisor; and John A. Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 814, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act; and H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act.